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Number of KY Licensed Home Inspectors Reaches All-Time High Inspectors still needed as industry grows

Frankfort, Ky. (Aug. 7, 2017) – The Kentucky Board of Home Inspectors (KBHI) announced this month that the number of licensed home inspectors in Kentucky has reached an all-time high with 450 licensed inspectors. Since January, the board has experienced a 10 percent growth in the number of licensed home inspectors, and the trend is expected to continue as real estate transactions increase across the state.

"Record sales across the real estate industry are translating to job opportunities in related fields, including home inspection," said Ken Warden, Executive Director of the Kentucky Real Estate Authority. "KBHI and the Kentucky Real Estate Authority are committed to providing outreach opportunities for potential and current licensees so that the number of home inspectors in Kentucky will match the increasing demand for services."

Kentucky's 450 licensed home inspectors cover all of the state's 120 counties, and additional inspectors are needed in many areas. To fill the gap, KBHI is working to attract more people to the field, with a goal of licensing an additional 400 home inspectors in the next two years.

"It's a relatively easy process to become a home inspector," said KBHI Chair Bud Wenk. "The work is rewarding, and licensed home inspectors help potential buyers make informed decisions prior to purchasing a home."

For more information on becoming a licensed home inspector, check out KBHI's <u>Initial Licensure</u> <u>Checklist</u> or stop by the Kentucky Real Estate Authority's information booth at the Kentucky State Fair on August 17-27 in Louisville.

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The Kentucky Board of Home Inspectors is part of the Kentucky Real Estate Authority (KREA) in the Public Protection Cabinet. KREA is committed to licensing real estate professionals and promoting real estate-related professions in the Commonwealth.